

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, August 11, 2014

Attendance:

Present:

Scott Preston, Town Council President
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall

Absent:

David Reese, Town Council Member
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others:

Richard Dickinson
Greg Burger
Maureen Burger
Susan Swanson
Michael Wernke
Dennis Dawson
David Fishman
Patty Hefner

Agenda and discussion:

1. S. Preston's called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He advised the Council that Fritz French has resigned from the Council due to business commitments. S. Preston noted Fritz's contributions to the Town while a councilmember, especially his efforts with the Town Renovation Capital Campaign. A quorum was reached with two council members present.
2. S. Preston asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2014. On a motion by S. Moss, seconded by S. Preston, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. R. Parrin distributed the financial package as of June 30, 2014 to Council members. He advised that the Town's financial position is good. The expected Spring property tax revenue was received and the payment of principal and interest for the Indiana Bond Bank short term loan was made on June 30, 2014.
4. R. Parrin presented the timetable for the 2015 Budget process. The Council agreed to prepare a budget at the same levels as recent years. R. Parrin was instructed to

publish dates for the review meeting, Monday, September 8 and the adoption meeting October 13. He also advised the State will be eliminating the need to publish proposed budgets in newspapers replacing it with an on-line web site www.budgetnotices.IN.gov for FY 2016.

5. R. Parrin reported that his contact at DPW has recently retired and will follow up on the request for storm water drainage repair along 79th Street status. The road has been repaired but a longer term fix for drainage should be considered. Estimates to repair the road edge on 80th approaching Morningside have been requested.

6. It was brought to the Council's attention that resident Mark Swanson designed and installed the current Town entrance sign. A request has been made for a budget price to install one similar at the 80th and College entrance.

7. A. Kasper informed the Council that the increase in police patrols due to the College Ave. bridge closing have made a difference in managing traffic through the Town. Traffic stops have been reduced significantly as motorists have learned about the Town's vigilance. In addition, solicitor incursions into the Town have subsided. The Council agreed to continue these patrols.

8. S. Preston advised that OneCall, a means to quickly disseminate important information to residents, has not yet been implemented. D. Reese to report at the next meeting.

9. P. Hefner advised that the foliage growth has been unusually high given the cool, wet summer. She mentioned that trimming in the common area at Forest and Morningside was completed. There is also one resident with considerable debris in a front yard. S. Preston will contact the homeowner. P. Hefner will advise the Council of trees that pose a hazard in the right-of-way.

10. S. Preston advised the Council on the Capital Campaign with the total now \$196k with a participation rate of about 85% of residents. We are still short of our goal so 100% participation is highly encouraged. Any funds raised beyond \$200,000 will go toward additional neighborhood improvement projects.

11. R. Parrin briefed the Council on the lighting and signage project. Lights are now installed at Morningside/High and Penn/Forest. Next up are lights at Sycamore/Westwood, High/Forest and High/Willow Springs. Meter bases will be delivered to the contractor this week and installation will commence. Some of the lights will utilize the existing connections until power connection to the bases is made by IPL. Traffic sign posts are on order with a mid-September delivery. Speed limit signs will be installed at all entrances to the Town.

12. R. Parrin reported that the Town's web site will be migrated to a different host service to facilitate email addresses with a .IN.gov extension.

13. The Council is developing a New Resident Welcome Package. S. Preston will draft a welcome letter for comment. It was noted that the Council needs to be notified when new residents move to Town.

14. S. Preston noted that with the resignation of F. French and notice from D. Reese that he will be leaving the Council, there are two openings on the Council. Several residents have expressed interest. The Council will make selections for these appointments in the coming months.

15. Residents are reminded to suspend newspaper deliveries while out of Town. An accumulation of papers is an invitation to thieves.

16. There was a discussion about golf carts and small motorized vehicles on Town streets. The Council requested that R. Parrin obtain a draft ordinance to control such vehicles.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss and seconded by S. Preston, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer